

reputed Spirifers sent to me from America by Mr. Meek :—*Sp. Hannibalensis* (Swallow), *Sp. capax* (Hall), *Sp. ? hemiplicatus* (the type of a new genus *Syntrilasma*), all of which are unquestionably perforated. On the other hand, a chip sent to me by Mr. Meek of a little shell which he states to be the type of Prof. Hall's genus *Ambocoilia* (= *Orthis umbonata*, Con.) is as certainly imperforate. But, after the experience above described, I should hesitate to pronounce on the absence of perforations in a shell allied to this group, except after the examination of several such fragments.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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P.S. I have to add that, having learned from Mr. Davidson that the typical structure of *Syringothyris* is exhibited by a Belgian shell hitherto known as *Spirifer distans*, I have reexamined the only example of this type at present accessible to me, the one contained in the Museum of the Royal School of Mines. So far as I can judge from the minute fragments of shell, not very well preserved, which this specimen has afforded, I should still say that it is imperforate. But the experience I have now acquired from the Millecent shells leads me strongly to desire a more complete investigation of this type; and I should be greatly obliged to any of your readers who may be able to supply me with well-preserved specimens of it. It does not seem improbable that the reputed *Spirifer distans* of Belgium, which proves to be truly a *Syringothyris* (see Davidson, *loc. cit.*), may be, like the Millecent shell, an isomorph of a true *Spirifer*.

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THESE four tracts on the flora of Britain have recently reached us. They differ considerably in intention and character, but are well deserving of notice. The first has the peculiarity of being a partial flora of a district in England, printed and published at Calcutta.